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President Stonecipher announced that the Council is still abiding by Governor Inslee's Healthy Washington guidelines, and as a result, City Council meetings will continue to be held remotely with all meetings scheduled at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday, except the fourth Wednesday of the month when the meeting is scheduled at 12:30 p.m. She stated a reopening plan is being developed, and the Council will be prepared to make an announcement at a future meeting.

President Stonecipher stated that public comments from the community are welcome on items that are up for discussion during the meeting. She noted that those wishing to provide public comment on agenda items, may call 1.425.616.3920, Conference ID: 970 165 788#. She asked that comments be respectful, and remarks limited to three minutes. She added that the Council does not allow comments on certain issues such as: campaigning of any kind – whether for or against ballot measures or candidates running for office – is legally prohibited at the meeting, and comments focused on personal matters that are unrelated to City business. She stated that members of the public are always welcome to provide comments or concerns on any matter via email at [Council@everettwa.gov](mailto:Council@everettwa.gov). To comment on an item that is not on the agenda, contact Council offices at 425.257.8703 for approval. The Council will approve comments on issues within the Council's authority that have broad public interest. To submit comments or suggestions on Council processes, contact the Council offices at 425.257.8703. Individuals may also call in to listen to the live meeting at any point by dialing 425.616.3920, Conference ID 724 887 726#. Citizens are also encouraged to view meetings live on Comcast Channel 21, Frontier Channel 29, and on the City website at [www.everettwa.gov/citycouncil](http://www.everettwa.gov/citycouncil).

The regular meeting of the Everett City Council was called to order at 6:33 p.m., June 30, 2021, Council President Stonecipher presiding. Upon roll call, it was found that Mayor Franklin and Council Members Roberts, Moore, Murphy, Vogeli, Bader, Stonecipher, and Tuohy were present.

The minutes of the June 23, 2021, City Council meeting were approved as printed.

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MAYOR

Mayor Franklin thanked City teams for their work to keep the community safe during the recent record-breaking temperatures. She spoke about the Governor's lifting of pandemic restrictions on June 30, and announced that beginning July 1, City employees will no longer be required to wear masks if fully vaccinated. She encouraged everyone to have compassion, grace, and space during this transition. The Mayor reported that she visited the pallet shelter pilot project site, which will open next week. She encouraged community members to enjoy the Fourth of July festivities with a reminder that fireworks are illegal in Everett.

OATH – POLICE OFFICERS

**Moved by Council Member Roberts, seconded by Council Member Bader, to concur with the appointments of Demethra (Demi) Behn and Stephen Aguon as new Everett police officers.**

Roll was called with all council members voting yes.

**Motion carried.**

The City Clerk administered the oaths of office, and the Mayor and council members congratulated and welcomed Police Officers Behn and Aguon.

COUNCIL

Council Member Tuohy requested an update from City staff on the reopening of shelters and feeding centers now that pandemic restrictions have been lifted.

The Mayor stated she would provide an update. She noted that business will need some time to ramp back up following the pandemic.

Council Member Vogeli recognized the recent death of a Seattle police officer and extended condolences to those who knew her. She reported that she met with Police Sergeant Bennett regarding Everett's SODA orders and weapons laws and

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thanked him for his time. Council Member Vogeli also reported on her recent attendance at meetings of the Smith Avenue safety committee and Everett Housing Alliance. She also encouraged residents to celebrate the Fourth of July with the fireworks show and festivities at Legion Memorial Park.

Council Member Roberts provided an update on emails sent earlier to council members relating to amendments to a resolution that are being considered by the Sound Transit Board. He also provided a summary on the email from Sound Transit Board members that requests the realignment focus be on completing the spine, connecting the centers, ridership potential, socioeconomic equity, and advancing logically beyond the spine.

Council Member Bader provided a liaison report from his attendance at the Snohomish Health District Board meeting, and he encouraged everyone to get vaccinated. He also thanked City staff for their efforts to help community members cope with the heat. He noted that residents may report illegal firework activity by calling the non-emergency line - 425.407.3999. Council Member Bader thanked everyone involved in bringing the pallet shelter pilot project to Everett.

Council Member Moore spoke about the relaxation of State mandates and encouraged everyone on the Fourth of July to reflect upon what we enjoy here in the United States, such as freedom of expression, and to look toward next year as an opportunity to create greater tolerance.

Council Member Murphy provided a liaison report from his attendance at the Public Facilities District (PFD) Board meeting last week. He also reported on his attendance at the Council of Neighborhoods meeting on Monday. Council Member Murphy wished the community a happy Fourth of July weekend.

Council Member Tuohy thanked the Everett Housing Authority for a new Baker Heights project opening in 2022 that will provide housing units for low-income homeless facilities with children enrolled in Everett Public Schools.

President Stonecipher wished residents a happy and safe Fourth of July holiday.

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ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Deputy Mayor Nick Harper had no comments.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney David Hall requested a 10-minute executive session regarding a litigation matter pursuant to RCW 42.31.110(1)(h)(i) with an announcement to follow.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Deb Williams, Council, stated there were no written comments submitted and no requests for public comment.

CONSENT ITEMS:

**Moved by Council Member Tuohy, seconded by Council Member Moore, to approve the following consent items:**

RESOLUTION – CLAIMS

**To adopt Resolution No. 7661 authorizing claims against the City of Everett in the amount of \$1,905,695.28 for the period of June 12, 2021, through June 18, 2021.**

RESOLUTION – ELECTRONIC TRANSFER CLAIMS

**To adopt Resolution No. 7662 authorizing electronic transfer claims against the City of Everett in the amount of \$6,863,470.57 for the period of May 1, 2021, through May 31, 2021.**

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AGREEMENT – DESIGN OF CALIFORNIA STREET PEDESTRIAN BICYCLE  
CORRIDOR

To authorize the Mayor to sign the Local Agency A&E Professional Services Consultant Agreement with Transpo Group USA, Inc. for the design of the California Street Pedestrian Bicycle Corridor in the amount of \$1,016,564.

AGREEMENT – REPLACEMENT OF RESERVOIR 2

To authorize the Mayor to sign the Professional Services Agreement with Materials Testing and Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$63,171.

JOB COMPLETE – WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT “U” PROJECT

To accept the Watermain Replacement “U” Project as complete with Road Construction Northwest, Inc. and authorize the Mayor to sign the Certificate of Completion and release of retention bond.

AGREEMENT – EVERETT STATION OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

To authorize the Mayor to sign the Everett Station Operations and Maintenance Agreement Between Sound Transit and the City of Everett.

AGREEMENT – REIMBURSEMENT OF COVID-19 VACCINATION RELATED  
COSTS

To authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement and the Business Associate Agreement with the Snohomish Health District to pursue reimbursement of COVID-19 vaccination related costs.

AGREEMENT – EASEMENT FOR UNDERGROUND ELECTRIBUTION  
FACILITIES

Authorize the Mayor to sign the Easement Agreement with Public Utility District No. 1 of Snohomish County for underground electrical distribution facilities located in a portion of Everett’s Water Transmission Line 5 corridor.

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AGREEMENT – ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR SOUTH POLICE PRECINCT –  
LOCKER ROOM RENOVATION PROJECT

To authorize the Mayor to sign a Professional Service Agreement with 2812 Architecture to provide architectural services for the South Police Precinct – Locker Room Renovation Project in an amount not to exceed \$27,400.

AGREEMENT AMENDED – CITY PLANNING SUPPORT

To authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with LDC Inc to increase the compensation by an additional \$20,000 for a total amount not to exceed amount of \$122,000.

Roll was called with all council members voting yes.

**Motion carried.**

**PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS:**

COUNCIL BILL 2106-21

FIRST READING:

AN ORDINANCE creating a Special Improvement Project, entitled “36th Street CSO Storage and Regulator Modifications,” Fund 336, Program 022

COUNCIL BILL 2106-22

FIRST READING:

AN ORDINANCE creating a Special Improvement Project, entitled “Water Main Replacement “W,” Fund 336, Program 023

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**ACTION ITEMS:**

**COUNCIL BILL 2106-18**

**THIRD AND FINAL READING:**

AN ORDINANCE creating a Special Improvement Project, entitled "Doyle Park Playground Replacement Project," Fund 354, Program 070, to accumulate all costs for the improvement project in the amount of \$300,000

**Moved by Council Member Tuohy, seconded by Council Member Vogeli, that this is declared to be the third and final reading of Council Bill No. 2106-18.**

The City Clerk was directed to call the roll for the final disposition of the ordinance.

AYES: Roberts, Moore, Murphy, Vogeli, Bader, Stonecipher, Tuohy  
NAYS: None  
EXCUSED: None

**Ordinance No. 3809-21 adopted.**

**COUNCIL BILL 2106-19**

**THIRD AND FINAL READING:**

AN ORDINANCE creating a Special improvement project, entitled "Howarth Park Playground Replacement Project," Fund 354, Program 069, to accumulate all costs for the improvement project in the amount of \$280,000

**Moved by Council Member Bader, seconded by Council Member Tuohy, that this is declared to be the third and final reading of Council Bill No. 2106-19.**

The City Clerk was directed to call the roll for the final disposition of the ordinance.

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AYES: Roberts, Moore, Murphy, Vogeli, Bader, Stonecipher, Tuohy  
NAYS: None  
EXCUSED: None

**Ordinance No. 3810-21 adopted.**

COUNCIL BILL 2106-20

THIRD AND FINAL READING:

AN ORDINANCE creating a Special Improvement Project, entitled "South Police Precinct - Locker Room Renovation Project," Fund 342, Program 032, to accumulate all costs for the project

**Moved by Council Member Roberts, seconded by Council Member Tuohy, that this is declared to be the third and final reading of Council Bill No. 2106-20.**

The City Clerk was directed to call the roll for the final disposition of the ordinance.

AYES: Roberts, Moore, Murphy, Vogeli, Bader, Stonecipher, Tuohy  
NAYS: None  
EXCUSED: None

**Ordinance No. 3811-21 adopted.**

COUNCIL BRIEFING AGENDA:

*2022 Budget Development*  
Presented by Susy Haugen, Finance

Susy Haugen, Finance, presented budget information on the following topics:

- Jail Fees
- American Rescue Plan Funds (ARP)
- Reserve Funds
- Balancing List
- 6-Year Deficit Forecast



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Council Member Vogeli asked for additional detail about the eligibility criteria for ARP funds used to provide premium pay to eligible workers.

Deputy Mayor Harper stated he would do some research and report back.

Council Member Moore stated that it is important for citizens to better understand through transparency that to maintain the current level of service, lost revenue sources need to be addressed, especially property tax.

Council Member Murphy spoke about the unfunded obligation, primarily medical expense reimbursements, of LEOFF I Pension Plan funding for legacy retirees. He strongly recommended that through this year's budget process, a strong commitment be made to fund \$48 million liability. Council Member Murphy suggested the unfunded liability could be paid in part by carry over funds.

Susy Haugen stated that it was probably premature to speculate on 2021 carry over amounts at this time in the year. She suggested waiting until the year progresses, probably not before August.

President Stonecipher inquired about the ARP guidelines relating to essential workers in the private sector.

Susy stated she would need to look at that more closely.

President Stonecipher spoke about the six-year forecast. She suggested working with the Finance team to develop projections using the ARP funds to determine how that might change the forecast under different funding scenarios.

Council Member Murphy recommended the development a funding model and policy to address the LEOFF I \$48 million shortfall so that it is not passed on to future generations.

Discussion ensued regarding funding priorities; the importance of Administration and lobbyists to work with the Legislature to address property tax cap; the current inflation and interest rate environment; future medical costs and funding the LEOFF I medical liability, i.e., "pay as you go system"; take opportunity over the

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next 24 months to look at big picture tradeoffs to determine future structure; and the City's reliance on federal funding for infrastructure maintenance and improvements, and the option to convene the Budget Subcommittee to do some preliminary work.

Susy stated she would work with Administration to develop scenarios and come forward with modeling to forecast out what decisions might look like.

President Stonecipher stated she would work with Administration later this week and recap this evening's discussion, and she would work with Council Member Murphy to schedule one or two Budget Subcommittee meetings to review scenarios.

#### *Council Procedures Discussion*

President Stonecipher opened the discussion about reopening of the Council chambers.

The majority agreed to council members and key presenters returning to in-person meetings as soon as practical, virtual attendance by support staff, and with virtual and in-person options for the public. It was also suggested that in-person meetings begin on August 1 or September 1 to allow for outreach, develop safety protocols, and work with Administration to present a proposal.

City Attorney Hall confirmed that after the Governor's proclamation expires, the City must provide a place for the public to watch the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Harper requested an opportunity to come back with recommendations.

Lori Cummings, Administration, noted that understanding the technical challenges is a priority.

President Stonecipher suggested the remaining Council procedure topics be tabled until next week. All council members agreed.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The City Council recessed at 9:38 p.m. for a 10-minute executive session and reconvened at 9:48 p.m.

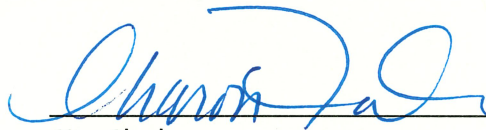
City Attorney Hall requested Council to authorize the Mayor to enter into a settlement agreement relating to litigation brought by Troy Chapman for bodily injury resulting from a minor automobile collision with an Everett patrol vehicle.

**Moved by Council Member Bader, seconded by Council Member Roberts, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Settlement Agreement with Troy Chapman in the amount of \$7,500.**

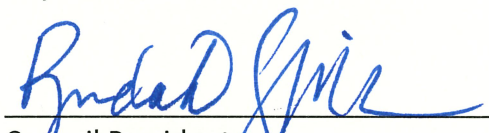
Roll was called with all council members voting yes.

**Motion carried.**

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

  
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City Clerk

Read and approved as printed.

  
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Council President

